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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on June 3, 2005. However, to date, no Office Action has been issued.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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